

Indiana State House Profiles



Name: Phil GiaQuinta

Position: State Representative and Leader of the Indiana House Democratic Caucus

Served in the Role Since: Representative since 2006 and Leader since 2018

Previous Political Positions Held:

None

Describe, in general, your role within the Indiana Government.

I'm a member of the Indiana House of Representatives, representing parts of Fort Wayne. I'm also the Leader of the Indiana House Democrats.

What are some of your most important daily responsibilities?

As the Leader of the Indiana House Democrats, it's my responsibility to lead the caucus. By that, I mean setting an agenda, assigning members to committees, and leading the debate on the House floor.

How does your position require you to interact with other government officials on a daily basis?

I'm in constant communication with the Speaker of the House as it pertains to the daily schedule of the Indiana House of Representatives. On occasion I'll meet with the Governor or his staff to discuss pending legislation.

What do you think is the most important aspect of Government?

The most important aspect of Government is helping constituents in need. It may range from providing answers to unemployment questions, to assisting small businesses who may have an issues with some sort of government regulation.

How did you get involved in Government? What made you want to run for office?

I first got involved in government when my older brother ran successfully for Fort Wayne City Council. Then about ten years later, my Dad ran for the Indiana House. During his time in the General Assembly, I go to observe how the Legislature worked. I even assisted him on crafting legislation. When he retired I decided to run in his place. I was successful and here I am today.

What advice would you give to young people that are interested in learning more about Government or becoming involved in public service?

I would advise anyone interested in public service, especially the Indiana General Assembly, to visit the State House during session. You will get a chance to see firsthand how things work. If you are not able to visit the State House, you can follow bills or watch committee hearings and session online at www.iga.in.gov. There are also opportunities to page or intern.